



State Transit Funding: Georgia vs. Other States

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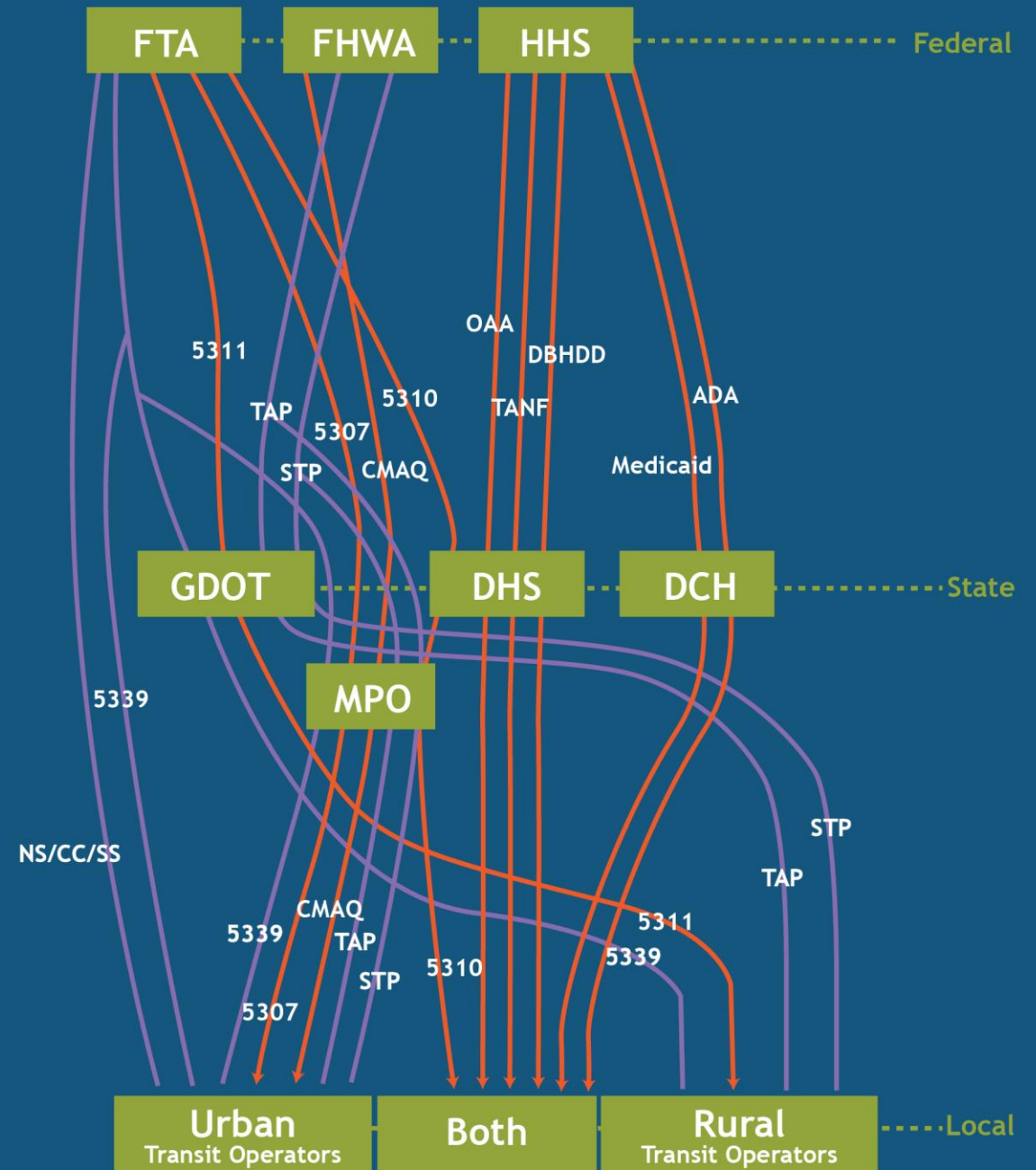
Transit Funding Sources

Funding for Georgia's transit agencies is comprised of four main categories:

1. Revenues from fare collection, parking, advertising and other sources
2. Local funds generated through sales tax, property tax and other fees
3. Federal appropriations and grants
4. State funds



A Reminder: Funding Sources and Flow



* All items simplified for intelligibility.

History of State Transit Funding in Georgia

- State supports GRTA/SRTA's Xpress Bus service with annual appropriations
- Only other annual funding is minimal state match for federal rural transit \$
- 2015 – GO! Transit Bond Program: \$75 million for competitive capital grants
- Georgia is the largest state offering no dedicated funding for transit





1.24%

\$14,488,110

Percentage of Total Transit Funds
From the State of GA

Total State Funds Spent on
Transit in GA

NATIONAL AVERAGES

26.90%

\$270,849,704

Source: National Transit Database

Georgia Rankings in Various Categories vs. All 50 States

Total State Funding: **27th** (\$14,488,110)

% of Total Funding from State: **45th** (1.24%)

State Transit Funding Per Transit Trip: **45th** (\$0.09)
NATIONAL AVERAGE: \$1.32

State Transit Funding Per Capita: **37th** (\$1.42)
NATIONAL AVERAGE: \$43.05



Only 5 States Ranking Below Georgia in All Categories



Pop.: 5.5 million



Pop. 1.7 million



Pop.: 6.1 million



Pop.: 2.1 million



Pop.: 4.9 million

** Colorado's state transit funding is lower due to the existence of a regional sales tax in the Denver area. Total transit funding in Colorado is \$1.738 billion, compared to \$1.164 billion in Georgia (mostly MARTA sales tax).*

Population (2016):

Georgia: 10.2 million

Atlanta Region: 4.4 million*


(*10-county)

Comparison of Georgia to Selected Competitor States

State	Population	State Funds for Transit	Percentage of Funds from State	State Funds Per Capita
Florida	20,244,914	\$275,586,204	12.59%	\$13.61
N. Carolina	10,035,186	\$68,323,678	8.71%	\$6.81
Tennessee	6,595,056	\$38,573,471	12.33%	\$5.85
Virginia	8,367,587	\$115,076,347	16.57%	\$13.75
Colorado	5,448,819	\$6,857,349	0.39%	\$1.26
GEORGIA	10,199,398	\$14,488,110	1.24%	\$1.42



Further Comparison of Georgia to Selected Competitor States



State	Population	Ridership	Number of Transit Systems	State Funds Per Transit Trip
Florida	20,244,914	279,270,548	129	\$0.99
N. Carolina	10,035,186	75,014,104	149	\$0.91
Tennessee	6,595,056	32,738,961	49	\$1.18
Virginia	8,367,587	74,420,024*	68	\$1.55
Colorado	5,448,819	125,584,005	66	\$0.05
GEORGIA	10,199,398	168,330,253	118	\$0.09

* NOTE: Virginia ridership does not include Washington Metro

In summary, Georgia ranks low in terms of state participation in transit:

- 45th in % of funding from the state
- 45th in state funds per transit trip
- 37th in state funds per capita
- 27th in total state funds for transit
- Significantly below our most direct economic competitors across the board
- Significantly below the national average in all categories
- Significantly below the median of 12% state participation, \$6.57 in state funds per capita, and \$0.89 per transit trip - despite the 10th HIGHEST ridership

What is Georgia's vision for transit?

Permanent Funding Source

Governance Structure

Service Coordination

Local Decision-making